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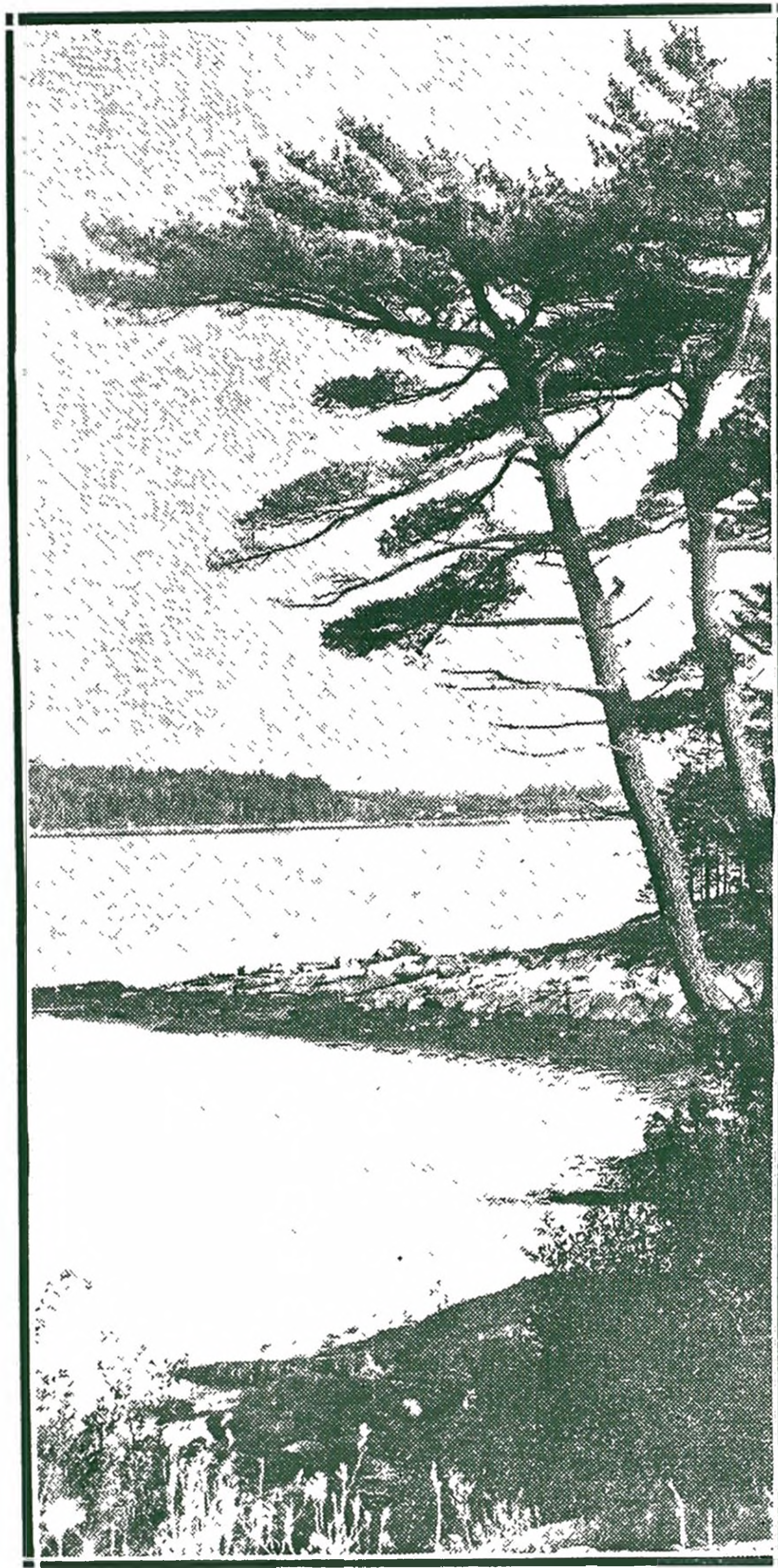
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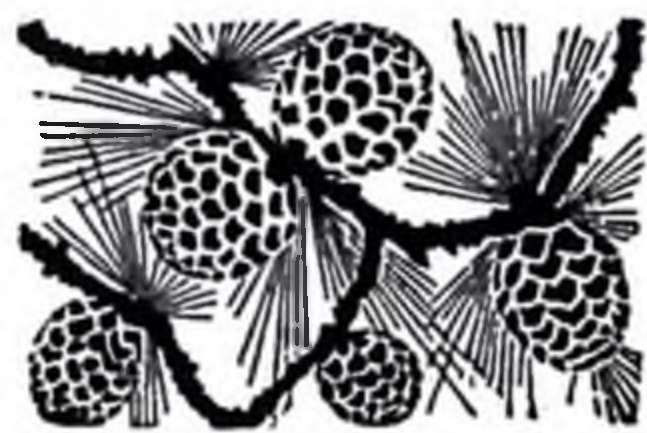
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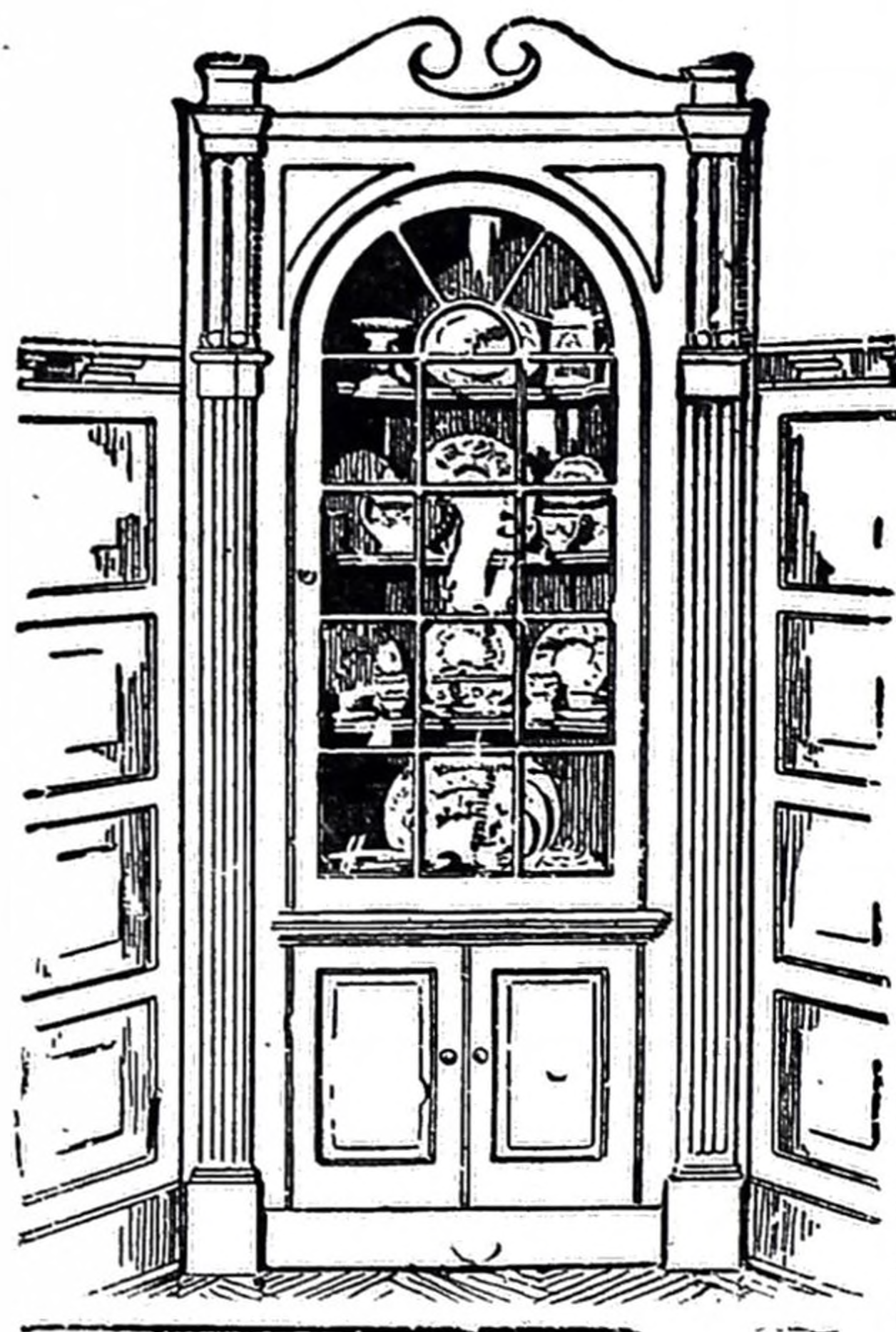
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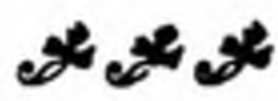
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Mrs. JOHN T. SKOLFIELD, President

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*'Tis Springtime on the Eastern hills!
Like torrents gush the summer rills;
Through winter's moss and dry dead leaves
The bladed grass revives and lives,
Pushes the mouldering waste away,
And glimpses to the April day.*

—Whittier

Spring most radiant of all our seasons is abroad on the earth once more, bringing in its wake re-actions of various sorts, from the joyous trill of our returning feathered visitors, the bud and blossoms of awakened nature, to the long, deep stretches of mud on many a country highway: but over all is the glorious blue sky, the soft breath of spring, the beauty of every living thing; could we ask for more, as we go about the daily task!

These days, however, the thoughts of all womankind naturally turn to home and family, and this gives opportunity for a real "American Home Day". But even in our busiest moments we have time to look up and be glad. One of the delights of the past month has been the many fine club reports that have reached the hand of the President for they have revealed in an intimate way the high ideals of our Maine Club women, their desire for service, and the splendid philanthropic work carried on by the Club Women of our State.

As never before it seems Club Women are awake to their responsibilities, and the many opportunities for service.

*"To look up and not down
To look forward and not back
To look out and not in—and
To lend a hand."*

Oftimes we find that the small club, removed from the center of the community, is doing as fine a piece of work as the larger group more ideally located.

One need but to have been present at the University of Maine on Federation Day to realize the great contribution made by the rural woman to the forward movement of her sex.

I wish it were possible to reply to all clubs who have so promptly responded to the request of the President for club data, for the impress received has been most enlightening and almost equal to a club visit.

We note in many cases how generously our clubs contribute to the many worthy causes local and gener-

Annual Meeting

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All roads will lead to Portland in September where will take place the annual meeting of the State Federation from the 18th to 21st. of the month.

This meeting will be held with the Woman's Literary Union of Portland as hostess, with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce.

Meetings will convene in Frye Hall the auditorium of one of the largest federated clubs in Maine.

Indications are that this will be one of the largest meetings in the history of the Federation, and we anticipate standing room only for late arrivals. The special features of this meeting will be: The vote to be taken on raising the dues, already approved by many clubs; Reports of the Biennial Council Meeting in Swampscott, also of the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs at Watch Hill, R. I.; and the election of an entire new slate of Officers for the coming two-year period. All clubs should appoint delegates and alternates before the close of their club year.

Credentials for same will be sent later in the season.

J. P. S.

al, but do not find as frequently as we would wish that a contribution has been made to the Endowment Fund.

Let us not forget our own State treasury which needs assistance from every individual member.

In many States Club Women do not find it a hardship to earn a dollar for their most urgent needs. If not that, let all feel the urge to make some gift to the State Endowment Fund, that this administration, so soon to be a thing of the past, may realize a cherished good of their two year period of service, and that your club may be on the honor roll before the annual meeting.

We hope Maine Club Women, will plan to attend in large numbers The Biennial Council Meeting of The Gen-

eral Federation of Women's Clubs in Swampscott, May 27 to June 1. A statement to facilitate travel, also of Hotel rates, will be found in this issue of the News.

The official hostess recently appointed for Maine Club Women is Mrs. Lewis R. Hovey, 435 South Main St., Haverhill, Mass., who "Will welcome the coming, speed the parting guest."

As we look forward to renewed visions of service for another year let us remember that the key note of the administration of our General Federation President, Mrs. John F. Sippel, clearly voiced at our meeting in Belgrade, is "The American Community which is after all but the home in group action."

As we plan programs to feature the work of our eight departments, each one of which, revolves around the home and the community, in the words of a recent club report—"we strive to meet every need," cultural, social and spiritual.

Faithfully Yours, in the best interests of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Josephine P. Skolfield,
President

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE SERVICE ON ART

Mrs. Bessie (Harry M.) Brown Portland, chairman of the art division of the Maine Federation, calls attention to the illustrated lecture service of the General Federation art division, of which Mrs. Howard Green of Long Branch, N. J., is chairman.

This service may be had for a small fee and express charges one way. The division owns about \$3,500 in slides, \$1,300 in prints and etchings, \$200 in textiles and charts, and \$1000 in potteries from 18 of best American studios. A new exhibition of 50 oil paintings, by celebrated American artists, with a lecture by Florence Topping Green on the history of American painting, will be available for the coming season.

The week of May 13th. will be observed in Portland, for the third year, with an elaborate program of lectures and exhibits in different places, and with the co-operation of the schools. Mrs. Harry M. Brown, chairman for the arts division of the Federation is in charge.

The Only Club Saint is..... a Dead One

Federation News

OFFICIAL ORGAN

Maine Federation of Women's Clubs

Representing about 10,000 Maine club women besides 644 in out of State and 475 in affiliated groups

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Address all communications pertaining to News items to MISS ALICE FROST LORD, Editor, Lewiston, Me.

Subscriptions are payable to MRS. HOMER E. CROOKER, Recording Secretary, South Berwick, Maine.

MRS. A. T. STEWART, 208 Deering Ave., Portland, is Publicity Aid in charge of advertising.

Legislation and Amendment to By-Laws

Four measures upon which the Maine Federation had taken action at the annual meeting, or upon which the sentiment of the Mid-winter Conference had been expressed, were before the 84th legislature: viz., restriction of billboard advertising and a longer school year, which were indorsed at an annual meeting; and the erection of a building to house the State Library, and the preservation of wild flowers, approval of which was expressed at the Mid-winter Conference.

Of these measures, the bill for lengthening the minimum school year from 30 to 32 weeks and the bill for the State-Librarian building passed the legislature and have been signed by the Governor.

The bill for the restriction of bill-boards and the bill for the preservation of wild flowers failed of passage.

A largely attended hearing on the bill to restrict bill-boards was held and the case for restriction was ably presented. The bill also was debated in the House of Representatives. The bill-board advertisers appeared at the hearing in opposition to the bill, thru their attorney, and they maintained a lobby thru-out the entire season.



MISS GAIL LAUGHLIN
Chairman of Legislation
for M. F. W. C.

In view of the property interests involved and the lobby maintained, the defeat of the bill should cause no surprise.

The above is a mere recital of bare facts. At the annual meeting a more extended report, in res-

pect to these bills and upon legislative matters generally, will be given.

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws Submitted by Department of Legislation:

Amend Section 1 of Article VI by adding after the end of the first sentence of said section the following:

No matter of legislation shall be approved or disapproved unless, previous to the meeting at which action is taken, notice of such proposed action shall have been published in the Federation News or shall have been sent to each club belonging to the Federation.

Amend Section 5 of Article VI by striking out, in the second paragraph thereof, the words "the sentiment of the assembly on Federation measures or public measures may be expressed;" and adding, at the end of the first sentence of said paragraph, the words, "but no action shall be taken upon any matter of Federation policy or of legislation."

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MAINE CLUB CONTACTS ABROAD

The Maine Federation for the first time has established contact with the American Woman's Clubs in London and Paris, for two Maine clubwomen traveling abroad this season, Mrs. J. T. Skolfield, president, having written letters of introduction for them. These women also carried credentials from the General Federation.

Honor List for "Maine Federation News"

Dear Federation friends:

The following clubs are boosters for the Maine Federation News.

They realize that by subscribing for this paper they can keep in touch with what other Maine clubs are doing and get new ideas to try out in their own clubs.

They like to know something about the General Federation and how clubs are functioning under its direction all over the country.

They are proud that Maine can boast one of the best Federation magazines and they appreciate what our editor is doing to make it such a worthwhile paper.

They would not MISS their copies or subscribe for a less (Alice) number. They consider those who do not subscribe like a FROST on an August morning. They have faith to believe that our subscription list will mount from 911 (present number) to at least 1000 in this year of our LORD.

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Most Clubwomen are Poets at Heart

General Federation News

Mrs. Skolfield has sent out notices to Maine clubs regarding an intensive campaign to promote subscriptions to the General Federation News, being an appeal from Mrs. Sippel, president of the General Federation.

The aim is to double subscriptions before the Swampscott Biennial Council meeting May 28-June 1. Every member canvas is urged. The March issue came out in new dress and each monthly issue grows more interesting.

May 20th is the date for closing the contest, in which \$7500 is offered in prizes to clubs sending in the largest subscription lists, and it is recommended that each club president appoint a general chairman who shall name her committee among whom the membership list shall be apportioned for solicitation.

All subscriptions in this contest must be at \$2 for three years. Prizes are as follows:

\$250 in gold to ten highest clubs with a membership of 500 or over, sending in greatest number of three year subscriptions over 501.

\$150 to ten highest clubs with membership of 301 to 500 sending in greatest number over 301.

\$75 to ten highest clubs with membership of 151 to 300, sending in greatest number over 151.

\$50 to ten highest clubs with membership of 101 or over, sending in greatest number over 101.

\$30 to ten highest clubs with membership of 51 or over, sending in greatest number over 61.

\$15 to ten highest clubs with membership of 31 or over, sending in greatest number over 31.

\$5 to ten highest clubs with membership under 30, sending in greatest number over 10.

A WORD OF PRAISE

In a letter written by Mrs. Wm. R. Pattangall of Augusta to the secretary of the Maine Federation, touching on other matters, this delegate to Washington for the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, added this word of praise, which it is a pleasure to broadcast here:

"I want this midwinter conference to know in what an able manner Mrs. Skolfield conducted the hearing at the office of Senator Hale. She was brief and straight to the point, dignified yet courteous and friendly, leaving an impression on both of the United States senators which could not help being favorable. The State Federation and all other State organizations co-operating in that conference have every reason to be congratulated.

Greetings From His Excellency

Wm. Tudor Gardiner of Maine

State of Maine
Office of the Governor
Augusta, April 6, 1929

To the Maine Federation News:

I am glad to send a word of greeting to the members of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs through the News.

The Association can be of great service to its members and to the State in calling attention to the work of the State and to the needs of all our communities. The closer the relationship between State and local government and the individual, the better it is for both government and individual.

Our State has undertaken and is carrying on a tremendous amount of welfare work through various agencies. There is a possibility for better co-ordination in these various undertakings in the interest of efficiency. Many individuals give much effort toward welfare projects of a private nature. I think it would be advantageous if more private effort were also directed to assist public welfare work carried on either by state or local agencies. The Federation has already shown its interest and appreciation by effort along these lines.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER

FEDERATION PINS

Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins of Corinna, first vice president, has been made chairman for Maine in charge of the sale of General Federation pins. These include members' pin, \$4.50; officers', \$6.90; Past State President's, \$42.

Mrs. A. E. Chittenden of Auburn, second vice president, has charge of the sale of Maine Federation pins at one dollar each.

THE CALENDAR

A majority of the Executive Board of the Maine Federation has voted recently in favor of simplification and improvement of the present calendar and of the plan to call an international conference, to be participated in by the United States, to consider the calendar question, without being committed to any special principle of revision. This is in line with General Federation activity.

CLUB SPEAKERS

The list of club speakers, in the January Federation News, will be revised for the September issue. Send in names available for club programs at cost of traveling expenses only.

Mrs. John H. Huddilston of Orono listed for talks on travel in Hawaii, reports that Roger Paul Jordan, Portland photographer, has generously had slides made of her Honolulu pictures, available where a lantern can be used.

N. E. CONFERENCE IN R. I.

The N. E. Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs will be held at the Ocean House, Watch Hill, Rhode Island, with the R. I. State Federation as hostess, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 4-6, this year.

Honor Clubs in Home Economics

Four Programs This Year: Franklin Woman's Club; Fryeburg Woman's Club.

Three Programs: Woman's Study Club, Bar Harbor; Pine Cone Club, Clinton; Sangerville Woman's Club.

Two Programs: Caribou Literary Club; Corinna Literary Club; Ellsworth Woman's Club; L. M. R. Club, Kezar Falls; Methebesee Club, Rockland; N. E. W. S. Club, South Freeport.

One Program: Augusta Woman's Club; Bangor Woman's Club; Bangor 19th Century Club; Norumbega Club, Bangor; Burnham Literary Club; Dexter Woman's Literary Club; Farmington Club; Gardiner Current Events Club; Athena Club, Dover-Foxcroft; Cosmopolitan Club, Dover-Foxcroft; Gorham Woman's Club; Guilford Woman's Club; Current Events Club, Hallowell; Outlook Club, Hartland; Jonesport Literary Club; Chrystal Club, Kent's Hill; Sorosis Club, Madison; Northeast Harbor Woman's Club; Norway Woman's Club; Pittsfield Tuesday Club; Portland Savoir Faire Club; Christian Valley Literary Club, Rumford Center; Town Improvement Society, Skowhegan; Woman's Club, Skowhegan; South Brewer History Club; Waldoboro Woman's Club; Westbrook Woman's Club.

Conservation Plans and Federation Radio

Mrs. Wm. E. Kingston of Bangor, who has been one of the most energetic of division chairmen this year, has promoted interest in tree planting, in wild flower preservation, in the General Federation contest that closed May first on why national parks should not be exploited for commercial purposes, and club voting on the national flower, for which honor the wild rose, the goldenrod and a dozen or more other flowers are favored.

As chairman for the conservation division of the Federation, Mrs. Kingston asks for club reports on conservation work at once; every club to plant a tree or trees this spring, to protect and spread gospel of protection for rare wild flowers and shrubs, to spare flowers by roadsides for beautifying highways, to know about Maine forests and how to perpetuate them, and to help establish town forests for aesthetic and recreational purposes and as revenue producers, to plant gardens and improve waste places, to protect birds and put bells on cats, and to promote out-door good manners.

Radio Programs

Mrs. Kingston also has arranged the admirable radio programs given from the Bangor station Mondays. While these radio talks have not been heard in the western part of Maine, they served to promote Federation projects thru the eastern section. The schedule follows:

Dec. 31—Mrs. John T. Skolfield, Portland, pres., introductory message, followed by Mrs. John H. Huddilston, Orono, on Pan American Relations.

Jan. 7—Mrs. Joseph Thompson, International Relations.

Jan. 14—Mrs. C. B. Porter, Old Town, Club Histories.

Jan. 21—Mrs. George M. Chase, Lewiston, Americanization.

Jan. 28—Mrs. Grace Wing, Portland, Top Drawer article on club history.

Feb. 4—Mrs. Frank Mason, Dover-Foxcroft, Illiteracy.

Feb. 11—Mrs. Ralph Whitney, Westbrook, Art in the Home.

Feb. 18—Mrs. R. D. Graves, Northeast Harbor, Library Extension.

Feb. 25—Mrs. Ernest Theis, Portland, Musical Program by Bangor Artists, Mrs. Leon Dean, violin; Mrs. Anna Torrens Dymond, cello; Mrs. Ernest Brown, piano.

March 4—Mrs. Maurice O. Brown, Dover-Foxcroft, Home Economics, presented Miss Pearl Green of U. of M. Home Economics Dept.

March 11—Mrs. Wm. J. Currier, Bangor, Club Extension; and Mrs. Dick Young, Bangor, Junior Clubs.

March 18—Mrs. C. Omer Porter, Art in the Garden.

March 25—Mrs. Wm. E. Kingston, presenting Prof. J. M. Briscoe, U. of M. on Maine Forestry.

April 1—Mrs. Florence W. Danforth, Skowhegan, Scholarship Fund; and Mrs. Kingston on Conservation of flowers, trees and on Out Door Manners.

April 8—Mrs. Harry Brown, Arts and Crafts.

April 15—Mrs. C. B. Porter, Talk on Club Histories.

April 22—Mrs. J. H. Huddilston, on The American Home, observing Better Homes Week.

April 29—Mrs. C. Deane Ross of Guilford, presenting Miss Edith Soule of Augusta on public health.

Better Motion Pictures

Since the formation of a new Maine Federation Motion Picture committee last fall, with Mrs. Royal B. Record of Auburn, State chairman, she has secured the appointment of local chairman in Skowhegan, Lisbon, Dexter, Limerick, Farmington, Bar Harbor, Augusta, Westbrook, Rumford, Boothbay Harbor, Springvale, Wilton, Dover-Foxcroft, Mechanic Falls, Newport, Southwest Harbor, Orono, Norway, Dixfield, Eastport, Bingham, Camden, Bucksport, Ft. Fairfield, Belfast, Auburn, Lewiston, Corinna, Biddeford, Hancock, Waterville, Houlton and Clinton.

To each local chairman Mrs. Record sent a program, inviting further appointment of a chairman for every club; contact with exhibitors that suggestions and wishes may be made known to them; encouragement of Family Night programs and children's programs; study of motion picture problems by clubs. The Committee aims to keep clubs advised of pictures they can use in departmental work, and to provide lists of films classified so as to guide patronage.

Local chairman are now receiving monthly lists of recommended films, ahead of release, from the Motion Picture Bureau of the Los Angeles District, Cal. Federation; also the monthly pamphlet, "The Motion Picture" edited by the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, cleverly illustrated and of vital interest. Its ideal is: To make the best pictures pay best, thereby ensuring

steady supply of such productions.

Mrs. Ambrose N. Diehl of Pittsburgh, Penn. General Federation chairman, has sent Mrs. Record a valuable motion picture outline for club use, with subjects for study suggested. Copies will be sent to local chairmen, with request to put one motion picture program into the year's program. A sample suggests history, scenario, studios, mechanism of production, casting bureau, care of children in studio, studio relations committee; distribution; types of pictures; community endeavor in junior matinees and Family Night programs; and pictures in relation to club departments.

Some Maine towns have motion pictures only a few weeks in the summer. Kittery relies on Portsmouth, N. H. for her picture entertainment. Brunswick has no women's clubs at present, but she is planning to organize again. The editor of the woman's page on the Brunswick Record is receiving motion picture literature and is interested in promoting better pictures for children. Literature is being sent, also, to the Soldiers' Home, Togus. Saco has had a committee on pictures for two years.

Films Available

The general Federation's film, "Woman's Progress," can be secured by writing to the State Chairman, who will have charge of placing it here in Maine. The cost will be \$10 and transportation charges, if the picture is shown without admission fee—\$5 of which goes to the state treasurer for the Motion Picture Department of the State Federation, and the other \$5 to be sent to the General Federation for the Motion Picture Department. In the event of an admission charge, 25 per cent of the net receipts go to that State's Motion Picture Department in addition to the \$10 rental charge, the remainder going to the club itself.

The State Chairman will try to arrange for showing this film at the fall State Federation Convention, in Portland, so that the representatives from the various clubs can decide whether they wish to book it. Questions, concerning "Women's Progress," will be gladly answered by Mrs. Record.

By requesting them at least two weeks in advance, free films may be secured from the Bureau of Mines Experiment Station, Pittsburgh, Pa. A booklet outlining types of films available will be sent on application.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has pictures dealing with gardening, reforestation, use of labor saving devices, etc. Applications should be made to the Office of Motion Picture Extension Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Films are free and circuits are desirable.

The Peace Pact Picture, useful in study of causes and cure of war, Mrs. Diehl makes available to Clubs, for transportation costs both ways.

Tea Is An Excellent Club Lubricant

First Federation Day at University of Maine, with Mrs. Sherman Guest, Rouses Enthusiasm

Characterizing the first Maine Federation Women's Club Day at University of Maine as "the most outstanding event in the history of the State Federation" Mrs. John T. Skolfield, president, paid well-deserved tribute to this highly successful program.

With about 35 different Clubs and over 200 club women in attendance, at this original experiment in linking Federation and University, the attendance was beyond all expectations; and this number was supplemented by as many more Farm and Home Bureau women for the afternoon session.

Guest of honor was Mrs. John D. Sherman of Colorado, past-president of the General Federation, who is now chairman for the department of the American Home in the national organization. Crossing the country to greet the clubwomen of Maine, Mrs. Sherman brought an inspiring message that vividly portrayed the perils and ideals of this present transition period in which homelife is being revolutionized and directed toward more utility, justice and happiness, thru greater leisure for women, more equality in training and assumption of responsibilities by both parents, and emphasis on more spiritual values.

Mrs. Sherman outlined the story of increasing home demonstration work thru university extension, discussed food conservation and marketing and recommended "key-homes" as community centers where ideal equipment and furnishings could be studied, and experts would meet family needs in many directions.

In closing, she portrayed woman as no longer losing her identity in slavery to household tasks and family demands, but as freed from bondage of drudgery so that her "creative spirit may be recognized as the most precious possession of the family."

Another attractive out-of State contribution was the style talk and demonstration by Mrs. Catharine H. Griebel of New York, who is said to be one of the most popular experts in her line in the East. Her witty comments, her up-to-the-minute descriptions, and her numerous samples of present-day fabrics and women's garments and accessories delighted her audience.

The Federation leaders promoting this University Day included Mrs. John T. Skolfield, president of the State Federation, who generously complimented all instrumental in making the program a success, and who introduced Mrs. Frances Meserve Cotton of Gorham, chairman for the American Home department, as presiding officer. Mrs. Cotton graciously presented as chairman of the division of Home Economics who originated

this co-operative plan, Mrs. Maurice O. Brown of Dover-Foxcroft.

Mrs. Brown, who has vitalized her division work this year in noteworthy manner, reported that a survey of Maine clubs putting on Home Economics programs brought 50 replies. Two clubs had had four such programs, in the year; three clubs, three programs; six clubs, two programs, and 27 clubs, one program, a remarkable demonstration of the interest clubwomen are taking in this subject.

The Federation, at its annual meeting at Belgrade, passed resolutions urging emphasis on home economics study; and at the Midwinter Meeting at Augusta, Miss Shumann from Washington, D. C. a National Red

program; and the president's home was opened to the guests of honor and the Federation leaders for a luncheon, and later for a tea for all visitors.

Faculty members, who participated in this program, included Miss Pearl S. Greene, who had co-operated heartily with Mrs. Brown and others in arranging the details of the program, who welcomed the clubwomen and who talked on the trend toward more specialized training for home-making now that women had proved their ability to do a man's work in nearly all the professions and industries; Miss Florence Jenkins, who explained how clubs can assist in promoting such courses in high schools where they are now listed, and by furthering serious home-projects for their daughters, in providing meals, refurnishing rooms, planning wearing apparel, etc.; Mrs. Sweetman who presented valuable outlines for clubwork on dress, nutrition and child welfare; and Lester H. Shibles, in charge of Boys' and Girls' clubs, urged the clubwomen to assist this program by "mothering" such clubs, and by promoting health programs the coming year.

Before the day closed, the University and Federation leaders had plans formulating for another such day at the Orono campus in 1930, when the American Home and Home Economics work will be furthered by co-ordinated effort.

Typed copies of Mrs. Sherman's address may be obtained for local club use from Miss Greene at U. of M.

Clubs Represented

Maine clubs represented at Orono, Federation Day included the Orono Woman's Club, which sent the largest delegation of over 30 members; Norumbega Club of Bangor, which sent over 20 members; 19th Century Club of Bangor, about 15; Bangor Woman's Club, Bangor Athena Club, Bangor Home Culture Club, Old Town Neeburban Club, Old Town Our Neighborhood Club, South Brewer History Club, all 10 to 12 members; Franklin Woman's Clubs, Bangor Schuman Club, Dexter Woman's Club, Athena Club and Cosmopolitan Club, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth Woman's Club, Literary Union of Androscoggin County, Maine Writer's Research Club, Portland Woman's Club, Mexico Fidelity Club, C. V. L. C., Rumford Center; Corinna Literary Club, Bangor City Federation, Hoover Club, Veazie, Castine Club, Pittsfield Club, S. W. Harbor Friday Club, Eaton Community Welfare Club, Salisbury Cove; Bangor Literary Club, Pittsfield Outlook Club, besides American Federation of Women's Clubs of Huntersville, N. C. club, nearly all with two or three members attending.



Mrs. John D. Sherman of Colorado.

Cross expert, was a principal speaker on Home Economics programs, all leading up to this University Day at Orono, March 26th.

Mrs. John H. Huddilston, General Federation chairman for rural club extension, told of plans being outlined in this new department. She spoke as chairman of State Home Beautiful organizations.

Handsomely co-operating with all these Federation leaders, the University extended a cordial welcome; President Harold S. Boardman addressed the women and announced that the newly-legislated, one-mill State tax would be used for a new Home Economics building at U. of M. and for a new women's dormitory, thus adding unexpected enthusiasm to the day's



MASSACHUSETTS is counting the days until the first of her distinguished guests begin to arrive at the New Ocean House in Swampscott for the Biennial Council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, May 27th to June first.

"The Eden of New England," this beautiful North Shore resort is often called, because of its picturesque setting at the water's edge, and, too, because of the perfectness of its appointments. About 2000 delegates are expected.

Thru its official hostesses, Mrs. Arthur Devens Potter, General Federation director from Massachusetts and local chairman for the Biennial Council, and Mrs. Azel A. Packard, state president, the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs sends advance greetings to guests from the North, South, East and West.

Delightful rumor has it that this will be the biggest Council yet. "The more the merrier," says the old Bay State; "Come one! Come all!"

No warmer welcome ever awaited club folk, and Massachusetts' welcome will be just as cordial as 136,000 club women, representing the 394 clubs of the state, possibly can make it.

Scores of hostesses have already been appointed to welcome sister club women and to see that there is not a dull moment between the sessions of the program which is being arranged by Mrs. John A. Frick of Pennsylvania. Every Massachusetts woman is a self-appointed hostess to prove to guests out-of-state that New England is not "cold" in hospitality.

Program Features

The Council will open officially Tuesday, May 28th, with daily sessions at 9 A.M., 2 P.M. and 8.30 P.M. The theme is "The General Federation as it Serves the Community." Preliminary meetings Monday are scheduled for officers, directors, department chairmen and state presidents, followed by

a dinner given by Massachusetts and complimentary to the executive board and special guests.

Each department will be given from an hour to one hour and a half to report activities, followed by a forum on department problems.

Tuesday evening there will be a reception in honor of Mrs. John F. Sippel, president.

Wednesday evening will be State Directors' Night when each director (Mrs. Skolfield from Maine) will speak on "My State's Outstanding Club Achievement in Community Service."

Club Institute meetings will precede the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning sessions.

Music will be featured every day.

Play Day Plans

No convention is complete without its Play Day, and while that is set for Saturday, June first, there will be some playtime every day. Many fascinating drives along the North Shore will lure guests, between sessions, to Nahant, home of the late Henry Cabot Lodge; to quaint Marblehead, to historic Salem, with its fine old mansions and the "House of Seven Gables;" to Gloucester, notable for its fisher folk; and to other points of interest.

Concord and Lexington, not far away, may be visited on a special trip planned for Saturday; also Boston and its historic points, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Gardner Museum, after which guests will be entertained by the clubs of Metropolitan Boston at a reception and tea at Hotel Statler, promising a hospitable finale to a notable week.

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Chairman for Maine, for Division of Literature, Miss Alice Frost Lord, I wisto der division chairman, Mrs. T. Picto War partment chairman, Mrs. Joseph E. iend



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Tulsa, Oklahoma
Second Vice Pres. G. F. W. C.



MRS. HENRY C. TAYLOR,
Bloomfield, Iowa
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friend of New Orleans.

The Council meeting this year will closely resemble one gigantic house party, for, with the exception of the New England women, the visiting club women will be housed under one roof. It is the earnest desire and intent of the President of the General Federation, Mrs. John F. Sippel, that the "Council meeting shall be one of

for both The Preston and the New Ocean House should be reserved thru the management of the New Ocean House.

Rates including room and board at both hotels, per day per person are: Single rooms with bath (limited), \$9.00 and \$10.00; with running water (limited), \$8.00 and 9.00; double rooms with bath, twin beds, \$8.00; with three beds, \$7.00; extra large rooms with bath, four beds, \$6.50; double rooms with running water, twin beds, \$7.00; with three beds, \$6.50; two double rooms, bath between, four beds, \$7.50; two extra large rooms, bath between, five beds, \$7.00; six beds, \$6.50; few choice double rooms,



Mrs. Arthur Devens Potter
General Federation Director
Mass.



Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole
Vice President of Gen.
Federation, Mass.



Mrs. Azel A. Packard
State President
Mass.

friendliness, of close personal touch and of sympathetic understanding and good will."

Hotel Arrangements

It is planned to have women from New England occupy Hotel Preston, Swampscott. Those coming from outside New England will be at the New Ocean House. Rooms

twin beds and private bath, \$9.00.

A limited number of rooms in private homes can be obtained by applying to Mrs. W. A. Hall, 53 Bay View Drive, Swampscott, Mass. Rates \$1 to \$2 per night, per person.

Railroads offer one and a half fare rate for return trip tickets.



MRS. H. G. REYNOLDS,
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Treas., G. F. W. C.



MRS. SAIDIE ORR-DUNBAR,
Portland, Oregon
Dean of Dept., Chairman, Public Welfare
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OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF SOME OF MAINE FEDERATED CLUBS THIS YEAR

It will be a source of pride among the clubs in Maine, whom Mrs. Skolfield will name at Swampscott's May meeting, that the outstanding club achievements in community service are those of the Tyngtown club at Wilton; the Alpha Lyra club at Wytotitlock, the Orono, Lubec and Franklin Women's Clubs and the Women's League of York. Mrs. Skolfield will have but two minutes' time for Maine, with plenty to say that will do the State credit.

Dover-Foxcroft Cosmopolitan Club: Provided organ concert by Mr. Richmond of Bangor, open to all music-lovers; is organizing woman's civic committee of representatives of every woman's organization in town, to become permanent factor for community service; helped Red Cross roll call; conducted drive for Christmas Seals; offered prizes in schools for scholarship; helped finance gardens at intersections of streets; and from an income of \$250 (\$5 per capita from each member) spent nearly \$150 for interests outside the club.—Blanche Wass Brown, Pres.

Ridlonville Fidelity Club: Sent flowers, gifts and Sunshine baskets to shut-ins; had installed a sink in the public library; gave three prizes in high school contest, "Why should I Vote;" bought health posters for public buildings.—Mrs. R. W. Butterfield, Pres.

Portland College Club: Loaned \$1350 to seven girls and has outstanding loans of \$6,395 to 20 girls; contributed twice to Portland public library \$100; and has proposed loan for the building fund of the library.—Evelyn Lane Frederick, Sec.

Westbrook Current Events Club: Gave entertainment to raise funds for Scholarship Fund and local and State charities. Scholarship fund is loaned to college students without interest. This started with \$100 and is now about \$1000 after 20 years. Club adds \$50 a year. Never has a single one who has benefitted by it failed to repay the obligation.

Madison Sorosis Club: Instead of exchanging gifts at the club Christmas tree, as formerly, members each brought 25 cents wrapped attractively; and money was turned over to local Red Cross nurse for Christmas cheer for people not otherwise remembered, including women at the town farm; also families were sent dainties for Christmas dinner; contributed toward curtains for new high school auditorium; also to help make domestic science rooms more attractive.—Keturah Taylor, Sec.

Kezar Falls '21 Club: Presented gift and fruit to sick and sent card showers; helped needy; decorated Christmas tree and gave useful gifts to poor child.—Teresa L. Fox, Pres.

Bath Cosmopolitan Club: Extended

use of club rooms to Parent-Teacher Ass'n. Garden Club, and Choral Society for their meetings; gave two worthy boys memberships in the Y. M. C. A.—Miss Marcia Moulton, Pres.

Augusta Study Club: Made happy a mother with eight fatherless children at Christmas; and cooperated with all undertakings for civic betterment.

Bar Harbor Woman's Literary Club: Contributed to school dental fund; provided lecture on "The Leisure of Youth in the Small Town;" and motion pictures as offered by the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.—Ethel B. Keucher, Pres.

Hartland Outlook Club: Held a Community Christmas tree and sang carols; had a health afternoon and bought a health bond; appointed a motion picture committee and held a meeting with outside speaker and invited guests; are raising money for town library.—Mrs. Floy S. Murray, Pres.

Bingham Century Club: Placed art albums of Perry pictures in all books for schools, \$50; conducted schools of town; bought reference say contest on "Why I Should Vote" in high school and gave prizes; contributed to high school prize speaking contest; sent \$5 to Good Samaritan Home, Bangor; sold \$87.40 worth of health bonds and seals; bought "Women of the Bible" for library; placed copies of all programs since Club was organized in library; had six speakers, including Dr. A. O. Thomas, Rep. Blanch Folsom, and Mrs. Eva Pratt from Oak Grove Seminary; entertained two neighbor clubs Hospitality Day; held local art exhibit Art Day.—Mrs. Clara E. Bowen, Pres.

Calais Woman's City Club: Community service of our nurse most important; contributed to community in lectures and entertainments.—Miss Emma L. McCully.

Bridgton Literary Club: Improved plot of land near foot of Highland lake, where gift of bandstand was placed, and kept spot in order for picnic parties and tourists as view is attractive; gave \$25 for N. H. forest; assisted Near East Relief and Good Samaritan Society; served lunches at town hall town meeting day, clearing about \$50; gave prizes for best

Loyalty

Labor to assist the Scholarship Fund.

Observe the need of bringing in new clubs.

Yearn for the youth in club work.

Act promptly to aid the Endowment Fund.

Use no time, but secure a Junior Club before September.

Today is yours to speak well of Federation projects.

Your opportunity is now to swell the subscription list for the Maine Federation News, for which other States are now sending in subscriptions.

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garden by boys and girls; gave \$5 prize in "Why Should I Vote" contest; planted trees on village street and aided other good causes.—Eva L. Shorey.

Belfast Travelers' Club: Primarily for study. Aided man temporarily crippled, a high school student in need of surgical treatment, a needy family in time of illness, the school milk fund, institutions like the Home for Aged Women at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and private families; and gave cash prize in high school contest, "Why Should I Vote."—Mrs. Anne A. Craig, Sec.

Rumford Searchlight Club: Furnished milk to underweight children in Chisholm school; took pride in seeing chairman of Americanization foreman of jury in fall court; instructed music committee to buy records to aid teacher of music in public schools in development of music appreciation.—Frances Conrad Coke, Pres.

Kennebunk Webhannet Club: Gave \$50 to the public health ass'n; \$25 to the public library; \$50 in two scholarships to high school seniors; and \$50 to the domestic science dept. for a sewing machine. Thru efforts of Mrs. Edward F. Dwight, funds will be available next summer to secure a patrol officer to aid in keeping main highways and adjoining land in this and adjacent towns free from litter and waste left by careless tourists. The club will provide table and benches and barrel for waste at some desirable picnic spot. Club promoted Better Home Week and observed Child Health Week. Thru the efforts of the public welfare committee, the maintenance of a playground instructed

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Club Influence Sows Itself Far Like Winged Maple Seeds

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tor during summer months was made possible. Mrs. Margaret Deland generously gave author's readings for this cause.

Rumford Study Club: Sent a deserving child to summer camp for two weeks.—Zephie S. Andrews, Sec.

South Freeport N. E. W. S. Club: With but 10 members, gave \$10 to grammar and primary schools for school equipment. Program calls for one meeting on child welfare, one of health service and two public meetings with special speaker on current topics.—Bernice Grant Verrill, Pres.

Auburn Art Club: Purely cultural. Copy of club history sent to Mrs. Porter.—Miss H. Catherine Paul.

Biddeford Thursday Club: Primarily educational. Gave city mission 114 cans of food at Thanksgiving and 110 pairs of heavy winter hosiery, at Christmas, \$10 to Red Cross emergency closet.—Rose D. Goodwin, Saco, Pres.

South Berwick Woman's Club: Furnished magazines for reading-room at Central school building; supplied milk for first five grades in same building; sponsored tag-day in South Berwick and Salmon Falls to raise money for milk fund; gave to Endowment and Scholarship funds, to Little Wanderers' Home, Waterville; held Mother and Daughter banquet; presented two-act play, "Playing the Game;" Civics Dept. sold health bonds and seals and helped buy Victrola for school; Needlework Dept. bought curtain for stage in town hall, costing about \$175; supported Federation News; sent club history to Mrs. Porter.—L. May Goding, Pres.

Farmington Monday Club: Was one of three hostess clubs to entertain the State Federation at Belgrade in September, Mrs. Mabel Thomas (president for two years with enviable record for attendance at all sessions) welcomed Federation members, Mrs. Alice S. Butler, State Federation Treasurer, presided at certain sessions, three club members, assisted by Rev. A. A. Rouner, furnished music for the last evening program, and Principal W. G. Mallett of the State normal school, (wife a club member) gave an address of welcome to the Federation. Club study this year was India, with other special programs. Complete membership subscription was made to Maine Federation News; \$15 was given to Federation activities; \$5 to Waterville branch of N. E. Home for Little Wanderers; waiting list was reduced by increasing membership from 30 to 35; some officer or member attended every Federation meeting of year; average attendance at Club was two-thirds of membership. Plans are made to study the history of English drama next year.—Florence S. Russell, Rec. Sec.

Wytopitlock Alpha Lyra Club: Formed a cemetery association, with officers all club members, townspeople joining as associate members, which has changed a weedy, unkempt yard into a cemetery of which the townspeople can speak with pride.—Florence McKay, Cor. Sec.

Portland Conklin Class: Donations of \$25 each to the Fraternity House and the Salvation Army.—Mrs. L. M. Binford, Pres.

Limerick Research Club: Planted shade trees on public street; co-operated with public health organization in observing Child Welfare Day; sponsored high school essay contest, "Why Should I Vote;" brought Mrs. Ella M. Chase of Lewiston for lecture on political subjects, open to all women and very much worth while.—Hattie L. Kendall, Pres.

Peaks Island Calends Club: Contributed \$5 to Red Cross for Florida sufferers; aided school orchestra which needed instruments. Club history in progress.—Ella S. Carleton, Cor. Sec.

Milbridge Current Events Club: Gave Club Magazine, raising \$70.60 for reducing indebtedness on new Alumni Hall; gave \$5 to local charity; also small amount to Scholarship fund.

Portland Gorham Dames: Contributions to needs of our room at Eunice Frye Home; and to the Institute for the Blind.—Grace Akers Billings, Sec.

Gorham Woman's Club: Painting and erecting street signs and placing them at entrance to town; placing cabinet in public library for pictures of Gorham boys who served in the world war; Christmas donations here and in Portland.—Helen W. Libby, Pres.

Newport Woman's Club: Sponsored sale of Christmas Seals; held annual food sale for library books, presenting \$50 to librarian; added small amount to library building fund; arranged one public lecture; and are working on our club history.—Rosie S. Gilman, Pres.

Wiscasset Woman's Club: Put music in the public schools; provided baby clinics; financed a prize speaking contest at Lincoln Academy; arranged three lectures on duties of a district nurse, on international relations and justice and on birds.—Clara A. Wright, Cor. Sec.

Portland Komango Club: Aided several families; contributed to Red Cross, Salvation Army, Evening Express Christmas fund, Mission of Help, and other causes.—Emma Lang, Treas.

Massachusetts-Maine Daughters: Aided Bangor family in great need (since doing well) \$50; aged couple from Portland, now in Rockland, Mass., \$25; ex-service men, \$25; Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, \$25; total \$125.—Mrs. F. B. Twitchell, Pres.

Jonesport Literary Club: Helped local charities; gave prize for best essay on "Why Should I Vote?" assisted in Clean-up Week; brought Dr. Peterson for free public lecture, May Day health program.—Mrs. O. W. Look, Pres.

Sanford Searchlight Club: Gave a \$100 scholarship to a high school student; \$10 to local Public Health Ass'n; 60 books to Sanford public library and high school library; \$20 for Boy Scout books; \$60 for shrubbery for children's playground.—Mrs. Mabel G. Hamlin.

Portland Mentone Club: Practically all our members, either privately or thru other organizations, contributed to community service enterprises.—Marion J. Walker, Pres.

Kezar Falls L. M. and R. Club: Co-operated with the Red Cross; helped health work; gave to charity, distributed Christmas toys, and contributed to our town scholarship; have had health programs, also home economics program.—Mrs. W. T. Norton, Pres.

Rumford Center Christian Valley Literary Club: Hospital Day we sewed for the hospital; have furnished jelly, bottles, cloth, etc., besides giving a dinner, the proceeds of which went to a hospital fund; furnished school lunches; have a club flower.—Nettie M. Colby, Sec.

Norway Woman's Club: Furnished the teachers' room in the new high school building; assisted underprivileged children in dental care and by supplying glasses; contributed to community Christmas and Scholarship funds; bought health bond; sponsored Mother and Daughter banquet; staged drama; observed May day with health program; had excellent speakers and entertainments, with large attendance.—Mrs. Bertha S. Noyes, Pres.

Fryeburg Woman's Library Club: Maintained the only public library in town; provided programs of practical and cultural nature for 100 members every two weeks from October to April; furnished occasional free public lectures; supported any good community movement; collected data on history of houses in Fryeburg village, one copy for club and one for town.—Miss Alice B. Glines.

Norway Barton Reading Club: Donations to Opportunity Farm, Baby Saving Society, and Community Christmas; sent flowers to sick.—Mrs. Hugh Pendexter.

Bangor Norumbega Club: Gave \$100 to Federation Scholarship Fund, to be known as the Norumbega fund and to be used to help some girl in eastern Maine to higher education; sent club history to Mrs. Porter, Federation Historian.—Alice S. Atwood, Cor. Sec.

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The Club That Discovers Latent Talent Is Doing Creative Work

First Contribution From Maine Woman's Club, New York

One of Maine's newest Federated Clubs is the Maine Woman's Club of New York, which makes its first contribution with a poem by Blanche A. Sawyer, entitled "Maine." Mrs. Sawyer is a native of Hampden, was educated at the academy there, but has lived in New York most of her life. At New York Univer-

sity she took a course in law, and for a quarter of a century has been employed in the legal department of the U. S. Steel Corporation. For many years she spent a part of the summer on the Maine coast. She is a charter member of the New York Maine Club and was its president in 1918-19.

MAINE

When birds are fully fledged they
leave the nest—
Sometimes are crowded out. A
mother bird
That I had watched through early
summer days,
Feeding her young and guarding
them from harm,
Taught them to fly and pushed them
from the nest
And forced them, callously, to find
their food
And make their way unaided in the
world.

Thus did our Mother Maine to some
of us.
She nursed and sheltered us in child-
hood years,
And when we had grown older
steemed her heart,
And sent us forth into a broader life.
Ever she waits to welcome us again;
But we must bring her deeds and
lives well lived.
We must not come to her with broken
faith
In God or man. The ancient verities
She taught us in our childhood are
the same,
Changeless, eternal, not like shift-
ing sand,
But like her rocks, against which
frets the sea.

She keeps our love, but gives us to
the world
To play our parts as men and women
grown,
To make new homes and serve our
day and age.
And if, sometimes, unkindly people
think
We try to mold the world to our own
mind,
They must remember that the words
"I lead"
Are wrought into the Maine child's
cradlesong!

Not all are leaders. There must
ever be
Foot soldiers in the ranks—plain,
quiet men,
And women well content to be outside
The current of the swift and eager
stream
Where those must struggle who seek
power and fame.
But even here, in this vast modern
town,
Where competition is so keen and
fierce,
And all the country sends its first
and best,
We hold our own in trade and in the
arts;

In learning and in living are the peers
Of those whose heads are high and
proudly held
Above the common level of the
crowd,
With eyes set on the future's shining
goal!

We have known beauty; we have
looked upon
The quiet hills and the unresting sea,
Deep-flowing, mighty rivers, lovely
towns
Shaded by ancient trees and over-
arched
By the clear, radiant blue of northern
skies,—
Crisp winter days, and magic of the
spring.
Our senses have been drowned in
ecstasy
Of lilac perfume and of cherry's
blown;
And not a one of us but can recall
An orchard in the spring, when God
relents
And gives back Eden for a little
space
In yearly miracle of apple bloom.
And since true art is ever beauty's
quest,
We, knowing beauty, have a gift to
bring,
And in the giving double our own joy,
For sharing lessens not, but makes
joy more!

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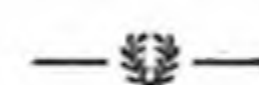
Skowhegan Woman's Club: Gave \$100 toward support of the community nurse; supplied milk to pupils in first six grades on advice of the school

nurse; provided milk for under-nourished children unable to pay for it.—Beatrice T. Symons, Sec.

Island Falls Katahdin Club: Furnished milk for nutrition class at school; and gave clothing and did

New Talent Available

Maine Club women will be interested to learn that Mrs. Martha Fletcher Bellinger, now permanently located at her former summer home in Wayne will feature the coming season in this State, as she has previously done in New York City, series of readings on Modern Poetry and Drama, and will appear before clubs as requested. Her repertoire is varied. She is a graduate from Mount Holyoke College, taught in a private school for girls in Philadelphia and has been a special lecturer on literature and drama in various colleges. She is the author of "The Stolen Singer," Bobbs-Merrill, "History of Music," (in collaboration), "A Short History of the Drama," (Holt). She is a member of the Authors' League of America and of the Poetry Society of America. She was winner of the prize play, "A Woman's Sphere," sponsored by the New York World.



YEAR BOOKS AVAILABLE

Copies of the last Year Book are still available at 25 cts. each and can be obtained of Mrs. Homer E. Crooker, Rec. Sec., So. Berwick. They are valuable for reference to reports and to club list and addresses.

charity sewing and knitting.—Marion Logstaff, Sec.

Bangor Schumann Club: Assisted in a musical program in city hall for benefit of Salvation Army; furnished three trees for lower Main street; and, as usual, again this year gave medal to best soprano soloist in high school.—Mrs. Harris N. Doe, Pres.

Kingfield Kingtown Literary Club: Sent Christmas boxes to needy families; held public party for girl attending Good Will School; co-operated with schools in May Day observance; membership now but 15; have a special club song written by a member, which follows the "Maine Song" at club meetings.—Mrs. Nettie B. Walker, Pres.

Westbrook Woman's Club: Placed milk in public schools of Westbrook; distributed Thanksgiving baskets among needy families; and contributed toward support of community playground.—Edna D. Cape, Cor. Sec.

Solon Woman's Club: Gave financial help to public library; gave National Geographic magazine to library; furnished public lecture on guest night; are teaching women of community an excellent way to make children's pants.—Nellie D. Baker, Sec.

A Smart Hat Is Sometimes Remembered Longer Than A Smart Paper

Eight Unions Now Do Co-operate Club Work In Maine

Development of Unions among Maine Federated clubs has been important, interesting and profitable. There are now eight such Unions or small Federations of clubs, often within one county, sometimes within two or three adjoining counties.

The oldest is the Kennebec County Union, organized and federated in 1909, which recently admitted four new clubs, making a total of 16 in the city of Waterville and the towns of Clinton, Fairfield, Caratunk, Hinckley, Madison, Skowhegan, Norridgewock, Oakland and Winslow.

Next oldest is the Bangor Federation, started in 1910 and federated in 1914, with six clubs.

Then came the Mt. Desert Federation, organized in 1915 and federated in 1927, including 11 clubs in Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Ellsworth, Mt. Desert, Northeast Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Seal Harbor, West Eden and Franklin.

Fourth to be formed, in 1919, federated in 1920, was the Oxford County Union with 13 clubs in Dixfield, Fryeburg, Mexico, Norway, Rumford, So. Paris, Andover and West Peru.

Fifth in order developed the Onawa Literary Union with nine clubs in three adjoining counties of Piscataquis, Penobscot and Somerset, including the towns of Dover-Foxcroft, Dexter, Sangerville, Guilford, Corinna, Newport, Pittsfield and Hartland.

The year 1925 brought two new Unions, both federated that year.

One was the South Kennebec Union with eight clubs in Augusta, Winthrop, Gardiner and Hallowell.

The other was the Lincoln County Union, with six clubs in Boothbay Harbor, Wiscasset, Round Pond, Waldoboro, Damariscotta Mills and New-castle and Damariscotta.

The youngest is the York County Union organized and federated last year with 14 clubs in So. Berwick, Biddeford, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Kezar Falls, Kittery, Limerick, Ogunquit, Old Orchard, Saco, Sanford, Springvale, York Village and York Beach.

Bangor Federation

At a meeting of the four clubs in federation with the State Federation the Nineteenth Century, Athene, Home Culture and Norumbega, held April 23, 1910, it was unanimously voted that the Federated Clubs of Bangor form themselves into a City Federation in order to accomplish better work along broader lines.

The first public function was a reception to the teachers attending the Teachers' Convention, held Oct. 29, 1910.

Oct. 23, 1912, came the first agitation of the establishment of a district nurse. Jan. 11, 1913, in conjunction with the Eastern Maine General Hospital, the good work was started and Miss Edith Bicknell was chosen to the position she still holds. She is a devoted and much loved nurse. Undergraduate nurses of the E. M. G. H. are her assistants. The support of this work is the big undertaking of the Federation.

The Bangor Teachers' Club joined the Federation May 16, 1911 but withdrew May 15, 1919.

The Schumann Club joined the Fed. Feb. 11, 1915.

The Woman's Republic Club (Bangor Woman's Club) joined Oct. 20, 1915.

At the present time the Federation has 450 members. It worked for years to have women on the School Board and succeeded at last.

It has done some tree planting: a row of Elms on lower Main St.; a living Christmas tree, small now but

growing. In the meantime each year a Christmas tree is set up and kept lighted during the holidays. Last Christmas the Civics Committee filled 1000 candy bags for the Community exercises about an unusually beautiful tree. Last year a spruce tree was planted between the High School and the Public Library in honor of Mrs. John D. Sherman, the beloved past-president of the General Federation. The Club had the privilege of showing the tree to Mrs. Sherman herself when she was on her way to Orono as guest speaker at Federation Day of Farmer's Week, an event participated in by many members of the City Federation.

The City Federation has taken part in most of the civic events, cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce, schools, and other organizations, contributing time and money.

The past season, under the leadership of a capable president, Mrs. Charles H. Newell, it has been active. In October were entertained speakers of importance attending the Conference of Social Workers. A special guest of honor was Mrs. Skolfield, president of the State Federation.

The Federation brought the Tony Sarg Marionettes to Bangor for their first appearance and this yielded financial benefit.

The Federation worked for the observance of Better Homes Week, April 21-27 with capable co-chairmen, Mrs. Clinton C. Stevens and Mrs. Benjamin T. Shaw.

Oxford County Union

With the annual banquet at Bethel Inn, May 20th, Oxford county union will complete 10 years of usefulness, with 16 clubs enrolled and an individual membership besides. Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant of Dixfield, its founder and president for this period, has a record of organizing seven of the clubs and bringing them to Federation membership. She has always attended to details of the excellent programs at the three sessions held each year, an autumn meeting with some club as hostess, a mid-winter meeting for business only, held at the State Federation sessions, and the spring annual at the Inn. Many prominent speakers have been heard, Hugh Pendexter of Norway being listed for this May. The Union has assisted the Federation Scholarship fund. It has neat programs and yearbook. Mrs. Sturtevant has expressed the wish to retire this season, but the Union has refused to accept her resignation as president for ten years.

Onawa Literary Union

In 1923, thru the efforts of Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins of Corinna, who felt that it would be for the betterment of the women of this section, a meeting was held in Corinna in June to talk over forming a union of the various clubs in Piscataquis, Eastern Penobscot and Somerset Counties.

Much interest was shown and it was voted to form such a union. Mrs. Hutchins was elected the first president of the Onawa Literary Union. It was voted at once to join the Federation. Since that time the Union has increased so that there are now 13 clubs enrolled with several more to join.

Meetings are held semi-annually in the various towns and have come to be among the big events of the club year.

The Union has had many interesting programs with fine speakers and usually with some officers of the State Federation as guests. At the last fall meeting it was voted to make the past presidents of the Federation honorary members.

Contributions have been made each year to the State Scholarship fund, for sending girls in this section to summer camps, and the Maine Public Health Association. Last year the Union sponsored the Carrie S Brewster Scholarship fund, founded by the Dexter Woman's Club and that will be the outstanding work of the Union. The fall meeting was held in Old Town as guests of Our Neighborhood club, Mrs. C. B. Porter, president, who is an honorary member of the Union.

So. Kennebec Union

South Kennebec Union was organized
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Club Unions Can Be Made Powerful Weapons For Public Weal

“Why Should I Vote?”

State Wide Interest in High School Contests Conducted by Federated Clubs

Twenty-seven Maine Federated Clubs have recently completed a splendid bit of practical citizenship in conducting the National Essay Contest fostered by the General Federation under the Department of American Citizenship. Mrs. George M. Chase, under whose Department this contest has been conducted, received such enthusiastic response that the work was “a delight.”

Several clubs reported that every member of the local school wrote an essay, but did not specify the number. It is a conservative estimate that at least 450 essays were judged. Over \$150.00 was given in prizes by these 27 clubs and the State Federation gave a prize of \$15.00 for the winning essay.

Twenty-eight essays were sent to Mrs. Chase from these local contests. The Federation was honored in having served as State judges, Mrs. K. C. M. Sills of Brunswick, Mrs. J. H. Huddleston of Orono and the Hon. Ralph O. Brewster of Dexter. All essays were marked by symbols and that only, so the judges had no clue as to what schools were represented or who were the writers, the identifying envelopes all remaining in the hands of Mrs. Chase.

It was an exceedingly difficult task to pick but one essay. The honor of winning the State prize went to Donald C. Blake of Dexter. In the words of one of the judges “his essay was a single, clear statement based mostly on his own thought and experience.”

But there were eight essays that were so good that each had careful consideration to see which was better. Maine will be well represented by Donald Blake's essay. The final National award will be announced not later than June first. There is a first prize of \$250, a second of \$150 and a third of \$100.

Two clubs did not send in essays in the State contest who had a lively local contest and so did a fine piece of citizenship work. Real enthusiasm was developed among the clubs. One club used its prize essay as part of their first guest night program and awarded the prize at that time. Many clubs wrote that the interest and response awakened in the student body of the High School was gratifying. Of the 28 essays, 9 were written by boys and 19 by girls.

Clubs Represented in the Contest

Augusta Current Events, Biddeford Thursday, Bingham Century, Brewer M. P. M., Bridgton Literary, Calais Woman's City, Caribou Woman's Literary, Castine Woman's, Cherryfield Shakespeare, Corinna Literary, Dexter Literary, Farmington Monday, Gorham Woman's, Greenville Moosehead Lake Woman's, Houlton Woman's, Jonesport Literary, Androscoggin Co. Literary Union, Limerick Research, Lubec Woman's, Madison Sorosis, Mexico Fidelity, Milo New Idea, Norway Browning Reading, South Paris Community, South West Harbor Friday, Waterville Woman's, Westbrook Ammonconglin Literary.

EIGHT UNIONS NOW CO-OPERATE

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ized in 1925 and Federated in 1925. Dues are not large enough to do much community work, but the Union pays the expenses of a delegate to the State Federation, a most important thing; the increased social life created in the eight clubs has proved a great benefit to the individual clubs.

Lincoln County Union

Lincoln County Union was organized, because of interest aroused by visits of Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth to several clubs in the county and her enthusiasm regarding such organizations, at Damariscotta May 28, 1925. Mrs. Lillian A. Nash of Damariscotta, who was active in organization work, was the first president. Charter clubs were Waldoboro Woman's Club, Woman's Club of New-castle and Damariscotta, Monday Club of Boothbay Harbor and the Magazine Club of Damariscotta Mills.

The meetings are held twice a year,

spring and fall, with an all-day session. A business meeting is held in the morning and a program is furnished by members of the several clubs with a speaker in the afternoon. Luncheon is served at noon by the hostess club.

At the October meeting in 1926, held at the Damariscotta Mills, home of former Governor Edward Kavanagh (and named for him), the suggestion that the Union sponsor establishing a home for aged people in the county met with enthusiastic support. The Lincoln Home Association was formed and the clubs have worked untiringly ever since for this worthy object. Each club has raised money for this fund and large individual contributions have been subscribed.

A permanent booth has been built on the grounds of the Lincoln Fair Association where members of the Union will sell food during the fairs as they have done the last two years. The next meeting will be held in June with the Waldoboro Club as hostess to the Union.

Club Institutes

Explained by General Federation Chairman, Miss Anna C. Wetherle of Castine

With the growth in club life, the administration of clubs has become a business that demands attention, if we are to secure efficiency.

As Mrs. Winter says, “To be effective an organization must work out standard ways of doing things. Moreover, with constantly changing personnel in the offices of clubs there are continually coming to the front new and inexperienced women who are eager to learn what they may from the experience of others.”

Club Institutes give an opportunity for the discussion of topics relating to the purposes, the organization, the administration, and the finances of clubs. Brief talks are usually given by experienced club women, followed by general discussion to which every officer and member should contribute some idea. As method and order are helpful in the conduct of even the simplest meeting, it is essential that club women have a practical knowledge of the elements of Parliamentary Law; and Club Institutes may well give time for the discussion of questions of parliamentary procedure. However, in club life, as in other lines of life, the spirit is of higher importance than the letter. The comparison and discussion of the experiences of different clubs under such subjects as “Club Spirit,” “Club Ethics” and “Club Courtesies” will help to develop a higher type of club woman and club service.

In many states Club Institutes form a part of the programs of county, district and state meetings. In Maine the name “Club Institute” has not been used. But for the last six or seven years at the annual meetings there have been brief meetings of club presidents and other club members, which have really been Institutes; and which have aroused great interest by the discussion of practical club problems. At the annual meeting in September the appropriate name of Club Institutes will be given to these conferences.

As chairman of Club Institutes in the General Federation, Miss Witherle hopes that Maine, as well as the other New England States, will hold more Club Institutes than in the past. Miss Witherle will be glad to assist the president of the County Unions in planning a brief Institute as part of the program for their spring or fall meetings.

MAY DAY OBSERVED

May Day observance has been general thruout Maine clubs, thanks to activities of Mrs. Ralph B. Herrick of Augusta, chairman for Child Welfare. Much good has been accomplished in this way.

An Ounce of Constructive Criticism Is Worth a Pound of Destructive

Bill Board Restrictions

Story of Campaign Results

The Maine Federation chairman on restriction of outdoor advertising, just ended a campaign to secure remedial legislation. Two years ago a "constitutional amendment" failed to pass, so this year a bill was drafted based on the Connecticut law now in force. This bill called for licensing all companies coming into the State to erect big signs.

The hearing was before the joint committees (Judiciary and Maine Publicity) numbering 20. April 4 this was brought into the House for debate and failed of passage.

Though the bill was defeated, the following things are worthy of notice:

The splendid backing of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, received thru the President, Mrs. Skolfield, and her aid as a "General Federation" official;

The fact that the bill reached the House for debate;

The amount of publicity received, (the Kennebec Journal gave almost unlimited space);

The cooperation of many men of note showing that it is no longer a woman's movement; for example, Booth Tarkington, the author; and Charles C. Goodrich of the B. F. Goodrich Co. who made a trip from New York to Augusta to speak for it;

The cooperation of men in the legislature: Hon. Robert Hale, Speaker of the House, who drafted the bill; Hon. John P. Deering of Saco, who tried it; Hon. Robert Williamson who spoke for it; also the cooperation of Representative Gail Laughlin, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Federation, who spoke for it;

The circulation of a film "What is Happening to the Landscapes of America?" is sponsored by the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs thru the courtesy of the president, with no financial obligation, thanks to the Garden Club of York.

These are a few of the outstanding features of the campaign. To quote from Richard Westwood's article in the April Nature Magazine, "with public opinion so much in our favor in spite of the absence of legislation—the rural billboards must go."

The Woman's League of York has added much to the State campaign for restriction of outdoor advertising. For more than ten years this organization has waged a warfare to clean up road-sites. This year was no exception, and Miss Florence A. Paul,

JUNIOR CLUBS

Maine Federation's Greatest Need

Radio Broadcast from Bangor by
Mrs. Bernice J. Young
of Bangor Club

I trust that a great many interested club members are listening in on WLBZ this evening, as I want to speak to you on a most important subject—that of Junior Membership. Of course each committee member in the Federation thinks her own subject is the most important, and I am no exception. But really what is more worth while these days than the young generation—our future citizens? Of what use are the Divisions of Home Economics, of Art, Music, Literature, Public Health, etc., if our young people do not become interested to the extent of carrying on when the members of today are no longer able to do so?

"The Purpose of Junior Membership is two-fold: benefit to the Federation and benefit to the Juniors. Club women need the energy, enthusiasm, courage, and vision of the younger generation; while girls need the counsel and support of women of fine ideals and experience. Membership in the Senior Club cannot offer to them the equivalent of what they receive in Junior Departments. Freedom to plan their own programs, shoulder their own responsibilities, suffer for their own mistakes, is what they most desire. The responsibility of accomplishing a chosen line of work, with others of their own age and interests, creates in them a spirit of enthusiasm and a sense of service they would not feel were this responsibility shared by women older in experience. It would be a mistake to give to "Juniors" too few responsibilities, or too little freedom, in connection with Junior Club activities. The aim of the organization is expression rather than repression."

Only One Now Alive

Maine residents have always taken a certain pride in the fact that Maine

State Chairman of this work, was in Augusta helping to draft the bill and later was at the legislature hearing in the double capacity of State Chairman and as delegate from the Woman's League of York.

At the mid-winter meeting, through the courtesy of Mrs. Skolfield, a "skit" written by Miss Paul, dealing with billboard restriction was put on by the author assisted by Mrs. J. H. Huddleston. As a result of this courtesy other clubs have asked for the "skit" and the message has thus been broadcast.

is swift to follow in the steps of all progressive work. In fact, many times it is the leader. Certainly we have reason to be proud of our own Maine Federation of Women's Clubs and all that it stands for. But to me it is a regrettable fact that, in so important a project as that of Junior Clubs, it is not only way behind other states, but is almost a quitter. At one time Maine boasted of four Junior Clubs (too few at that) but only one of the four now survives, the Queen City Club of Bangor.

Other states are most enthusiastic over their Junior Clubs.

Others' Experience

California says: "No girl, or group of girls, can do the work along social service and philanthropic lines that our California Juniors are doing, and not develop a love of service and a joy in doing for their fellow men. By these contacts, they are developing the fundamentals of good citizenship, an obedience to law and a sense of personal obligation, tolerance, tolerance of others' opinions, other races and creeds, and, above all, developing that greatest of virtues, charity, in its truest sense."

Florida says: "The aim of your Chairman and her committees is to have within the next year a Junior Club in at least one high school in every county in Florida. We should become closely associated with the public schools in order to do our best and most lasting work."

Miss Florence Dibert, the first Chairman of Junior Membership in the General Federation, says: "An active junior organization is the most valuable adjunct a club can have. Juniors will attempt anything. Their splendid enthusiasm constitutes one of the most important factors in club life."

Maine Opportunity

You may not be a member of Club Extension so far as the Federation Year Book states, but every club member should consider herself one of this Committee, and I am calling upon you for assistance in forming more junior clubs. Remember always that the Junior Department is organized for the fundamental purpose of carrying into the future, ideals and activities of the Women's Clubs of today.

The subject of age is controversial and can be best decided by the Woman's Club after a study of the young people in the community.

There Are Times When a Parliamentarian is Worth Her Weight In Gold

Parliamentarian And Good Citizen

Respected and beloved is Mrs. George F. French of Portland, Federation Parliamentarian, who, from the inception of State Federation activities, has given and is still giving generously of her time and ability to increase the influence of women's work thru this channel. As a club woman, Mrs. French has enjoyed great popularity, and has served as chairman of the Civics and Legislative work, as well as State Treasurer.

For years she was an untiring worker for woman suffrage in Maine and still interests herself in all that makes for woman's equality in private and public life. She is a genuine feminist, a leader in women's activities in government, an active worker for the Maine W. C. T. U., besides being a member of the Maine Branch of Mayflower Descendants.

Farmington claims her as a native of that beautiful Franklin county town, where she still visits summers. After graduating from the State Normal School there, she taught in Lewiston and Portland prior to her marriage to Mr. French. An ancestor on her mother's side built and taught in the first schoolhouse in Lewiston. On the Norton side (that being her maiden name) Peter Norton was major of the English troops in the Colonies and later in the Continental army. John Howland was her Mayflower ancestor.

Part of her public service has been as trustee of State Tuberculosis Sanatoriums, by appointment of Gov. Milliken, Gov. Baxter and Gov. Brewster,



MRS. GEORGE F. FRENCH

and for two years she served as secretary of that Board. Previously, for 15 years she was chairman of the Visiting Board of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, and several years an overseer of the Portland poor department.

Her experience as teacher and settlement worker gave her solid foundation for the excellent work she has performed in her various official positions.

Maine Clubs Invited to Send Books to Washington

Mrs. John T. Skolfield, president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, hoped that members and clubs of the Federation will avail themselves of the privilege of sending one or more books from a suggested list, as given herewith, to General Federation Headquarters Library before the close of this club year.

"Let Maine club women individually and collectively," she writes, "resolve to fill the Maine book shelf in Washington, notifying the State president of the titles of books before sending the same."

Books desired:

W. H. Smith's "All the children of all the people" (MacMillan, N. Y.) \$1.60.

R. D. O'Leary's "The Essay" (T. Y. Crowell Co. N. Y.) \$1.75.

L. C. Elson's "Woman's Work in

Music" (Page Co., Boston) \$2.

C. & M. Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare" (G. H. Doran Co. N. Y.) \$2.

A. M. Simon's "Social Forces in American History" (MacMillan) \$2.

K. L. Bates' "English Religious Drama" (MacMillan) \$2.25.

Debacourt's "French Literature During the Last Half Century" (MacMillan) \$2.50.

Fraser's "Story of Engineering in America" (Crowell) \$2.50.

McFadden's "Opera Synopsis," (Crowell) \$2.50.

M. H. Bulley's "Simple Guide to Pictures and Painting," (Dutton, N. Y.) \$3.

Cowling's "Music on the Shakespearean Stage," (MacMillan) \$3.

Eichler's "Customs of Mankind," (Doubleday, Garden City, N. Y.) \$3.

Jennings' "Introduction to American Economic History," (Crowell) \$3.

Singleton's "Shakespeare Garden," (Century Co. N. Y.) \$3.

Chapman's "History of Spain," (MacMillan) \$3.25.

Gunn's "Story of Literature," (Sears) \$3.50.

Pach's "Masters of Modern Art," (Huebsch, N. Y.) \$3.50.

Sims' "Elements of Rural Sociology," (Crowell) \$3.75.

Richardson's "Standard Etiquette," (Harper's, N. Y.) \$4.

Fairbridge's "Gardens of S. Africa," (MacMillan) \$4.25.

Chapman's "History of the Cuban Republic," (MacMillan) \$5.

Ruckstuhl's "Great Works of Art and What Makes Them Great," (Putnam, N. Y.) \$5.

Marriot's "Modern Movements in Painting," (Scribner's, N. Y.) \$7.50.

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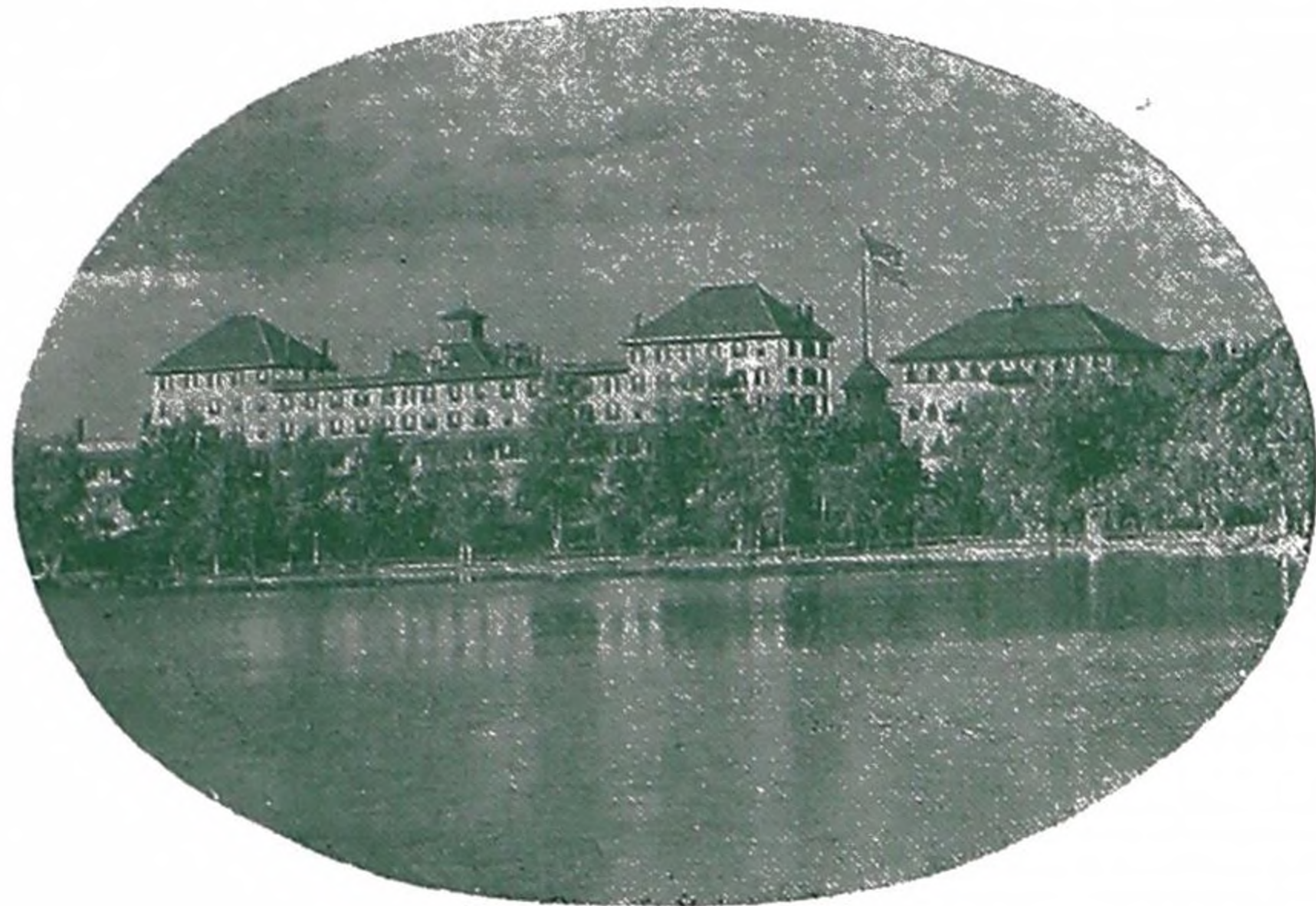
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